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History: This Regulation incorporates changes as needed for use on Fort A.P. Hill (FAPH).

Summary: This Regulation describes the policies and procedures that govern fishing at FAPH.

Applicability: This Regulation applies to all individuals fishing within the boundaries of FAPH.

Suggested Improvements: The proponent of the Regulation is the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR) and Environmental Division. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to DFMWR, 14135 Montague Road, Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia 22427

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1. MISSION STATEMENT

The Fort A.P. Hill (FAPH) Fisheries program provides for the sustained conservation of indigenous fish populations and their habitats through an adaptive management strategy. Execution of this mission is consistent with sound scientific principles, applicable laws and regulations and the FAPH training mission. This mission is fully integrated with all natural resources program areas.

2. WHAT'S NEW: Previously, anglers were only permitted to fish daily from sunrise to sunset. Anglers are now permitted to fish daily 24 hours a day, except when fishing at Smoots Pond, Whites Lake, Laser Range Pond, and designated trout ponds (Beaver Dam and Buzzards Roost) during the trout season (9 January - 30 April). Beginning 1 May, fishing hours for Beaver Dam Pond and Buzzards Roost Pond are daily 24 hours a day. See special fishing hour regulations for Smoots Pond, Whites Lake, and the Laser Range pond in section 5f of this regulation.

3. ANGLER CHECK IN/OUT PROCEDURES: Anglers entering FAPH will be instructed to proceed to the Access Control Point (ACP). At the ACP, the individual(s) will be identified and asked for the following documents:

- a. Photo identification (Drivers License, Military ID Card, etc...).
- b. FAPH fishing permit (If no permit, angler(s) will be issued a day pass and instructed to proceed to the Outdoor and Recreation Building/Game Check Station to purchase a FAPH fishing permit).

4. FISHING LICENSE INFORMATION and FEES

a. General program and permit information may be obtained by contacting the following: Outdoor Recreation Building/Game Check Station (ODRB/GCS), 18616 Fort A.P. Hill Drive, Fort A.P. Hill VA, 22427, (804) 633-8244.

b. FAPH fishing and trout permits may be purchased upon presentation of a current Virginia State or Caroline County fishing license (resident or non-resident as applicable), and completion of the Fishing Application and General Release. Permits may be obtained at the ODRB/GCS depending on time of year. All adult anglers must sign the General Release Statement. A parent or guardian must sign for a minor. Individuals must have their Virginia State fishing license or Caroline County fishing permit in their possession while fishing FAPH waters.

c. FAPH fishing permit types and prices are provided in the tables below.

(1) FAPH fishing permits

PERMIT TYPES	PERMIT COST
General (persons aged 16 - 64)	\$20.00/yr
Senior citizen/disabled (persons aged 65+ and/or persons having a VA state disabled permit or certificate)	\$20.00 (lifetime)
Five Day (Valid for 5 consecutive days)	\$5.00
Persons less than 16 years of age	No charge

(2) FAPH trout permits

PERMIT TYPES	Adult 16 - 64	Senior (65+) or Junior (< 16)
Daily Trout Permit	\$5.00	\$4.00
Annual Trout Permit (January - April)	\$60.00	\$55.00

d. The hours of operation for the sales of fishing permits are listed below. During inclement weather, or following national security events, it is possible for FAPH to be closed for recreational activities. Persons may call (804) 633-8600 to determine the status of accessing FAPH.

BLDG. 390	Operation Dates & Hours	Operation Dates & Hours
Outdoor Recreation/ Game Check	<u>January 1, 2</u> Open: 0430-1900 <u>January 3- April 2</u> Open: Mon-Sat 0700-1730 Sun: 0800-1630 January 18 th : Closed Feb 15 th : Closed <u>April 3</u> Open: Sat 0430-1730 <u>April 4-9</u> Open: Mon-Fri 0700-1730 Sun: 0800-1630 <u>April 10- May 2</u> Open: Mon -Sat 0430-1730 Sun: 0800-1630 <u>May 3 - May 16</u> Open: Mon- Sat 0430-2000 Sun: Closed	<u>May 17 - July 1</u> Open: Mon-Sat 0800-1630 Sun: Closed May 31: Closed <u>July 1- August 31: TBD</u> based on Boy Scout Jamboree <u>September 1 - October 1</u> Open: Mon-Sat 0600-2000 Sun: Closed September 6: Closed <u>October 2 - 31</u> Open: Mon-Sat 0530-2000 Sun: Closed <u>November 1 - December 31</u> Open: Monday - Saturday 0430-1900 Sun: Closed Nov 25 and Dec 25: Closed Dec 24 and Dec 31: Open 0430-1230

5. GENERAL FISHING REGULATIONS

a. All recreational activities at FAPH are authorized and controlled by the Installation Commander in accordance and controlled by the appropriate federal, state, and county laws and Department of the Army regulation/circulars/policies. Minimum restrictions on all recreational activities are established to ensure safety, security, protection of property, and efficient accomplishment of FAPH missions. Federal and state government

have concurrent legal jurisdiction at FAPH. Please report any accidents, acts of vandalism or other illegal incidents immediately to the DES Desk Officer or Game Warden section at (804)633-8888/8454.

b. It is your responsibility to read and understand fishing regulations in their entirety.

c. The dangers inherent as a result of military training exist in all areas. It is possible to find unexploded ordnance (duds) anywhere. If a dud is found, mark the area, not the dud, and report it to the Directorate of Planning, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS) by calling (804) 633-8224. Signing of the General Release Statement relieves the Government of responsibility, i.e., "Fishing at your own risk."

d. Collecting. With the exception of the fish species harvested permitted by this regulation, to garner or harvest any plant, animal, or artifact is prohibited.

e. Fish must be caught using hook and line or rod and reel. A hand landing net may be used to land fish legally hooked.

f. No fish taken from FAPH waters may be sold.

g. Hours of operation for fishing are daily 24 hours a day, except for Smoots Pond, Whites Lake, Laser Range Pond, and designated trout ponds (Beaver Dam and Buzzards Roost) during the trout season (9 January - 30 April). Beginning 1 May, hours of operation for Beaver Dam Pond and Buzzards Roost Pond are daily 24 hours a day.

h. The following waters have special regulations that will be strictly enforced:

(1) Mill Creek: All anglers fishing and/or dipping herring from the Route 17/Mill Creek Bridge southward, must comply with FAPH fishing regulations, and must purchase a FAPH fishing permit.

(2) Smoots Pond and Whites Lake: These ponds are accessible only from state roads along the south boundary. Fishing hours are sunrise – sunset. Anglers must contact DPTMS at (804) 633-8224 to verify safe access prior to fishing.

(3) Bowies Pond: Anglers are reminded that fishing in this pond requires a state fishing license and FAPH fishing permit. This requirement includes fishing from the pull-off located along State Route 2.

(4) Laser Range Pond: The Laser Range Pond located in training area 17 and is open for fishing when the laser range test facility is not in use. Anglers are permitted to access the Laser Range Pond off of General Forrest Road only. Fishing hours are sunrise – sunset. Anglers must contact DPTMS at (804) 633-8224 to verify safe access prior to fishing.

(4) Those persons fishing designated trout waters (Beaver Dam Pond and Buzzards Roost Pond) from 9 January – 30 April must possess a FAPH fishing and trout permit. Any person that possesses a FAPH fishing permit may fish for and keep trout (no limit) that are caught after 30 April (end of the trout season). Fishing at Beaver Dam Pond and Buzzards Roost Pond is not permitted from 1 - 9 January (prior to trout season).

i. It is unlawful to possess, use or distribute explosives, poisons, or other noxious substances in FAPH waters.

j. Fishing contests/tournaments are prohibited without the prior written approval of the Installation Commander. To request permission, send a written request to: Installation Commander, Headquarters, U.S. Army Garrison, 18436 4th Street, Fort A.P. Hill, VA 22427-3114.

k. Wading or swimming in FAPH waters is prohibited. All military/civilian personnel requesting waterborne type training must have prior written approval from the Installation Commander.

l. Open fires are not permitted at any time. Anyone locating a fire should report it to the FAPH Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) Desk at (804)633-8888 or dial 911.

6. GAME/SPORT FISHING REGULATIONS

a. No game fish species may be used as bait. The following are considered game fish species: trout, largemouth bass, chain pickerel, and all panfish (bluegill, pumpkinseed sunfish, redear sunfish, redbreast sunfish, flier, warmouth, and black crappie).

b. All fish caught in excess of the posted daily limits must be released back into FAPH waters.

7. CREEL and LENGTH LIMITS:

All waters that lie within the boundary of FAPH have the following daily creel and size limits:

SPECIES	QTY	SIZE LIMIT
Largemouth Bass CAUGHT BETWEEN 1 January - 15 April	1	20" MINIMUM
Largemouth Bass CAUGHT BETWEEN 16 April – 31 December	2	15" MINIMUM
Catfish	5	NO SIZE LIMIT
Chain Pickerel	4	NO SIZE LIMIT
Panfish	NO LIMIT	NO SIZE LIMIT
Bowfin	NO LIMIT	NO SIZE LIMIT
Grass Carp	ALL MUST BE RELEASED	

8. TROUT WATERS and REGULATIONS

a. Designated stocked trout waters are Beaver Dam Pond and Buzzards Roost Pond. Special hours of operation for fishing are listed in section 5e.

b. Those persons participating in the trout stocking program must possess a FAPH fishing and trout permit.

c. The daily creel limit for trout is 6 per person. Persons fishing designated trout waters after 30 April 2010 are not required to possess a trout permit. There will be no daily creel limit for trout after 30 April 2010.

d. A maximum of one fishing line/pole per person may be used while fishing designated trout waters from 9 January – 30 April 2010.

e. All trout once harvested will remain totally intact, until removed from the FAPH premises. The cleaning or filleting of trout is not authorized. Once trout are caught, it is the responsible of the angler to properly preserve their catch (i.e. coolers/ice chests, strings).

f. It shall be prohibited for any angler to be within 100 feet of the trout stocking contractor or FAPH staff during trout stocking operations. Additionally, any attempt to snag or net trout during or after the stocking process is unauthorized.

9. LAKE HORSEPOWER LIMITS and BOATING REGULATIONS

a. No gasoline-powered motors may be used on FAPH waters. Electric motors are permitted. Boats equipped with gasoline-powered motors are permitted to be attached to the boat provided the motors are not operated. There must be one wearable (Type I, II, III, or V) U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved life jacket of the appropriate size for each person on the boat. In addition to the wearable life jacket, there must be at least one USCG approved type IV throwable (ring buoy or cushion), per boat. The regulation to carry a Type IV does not apply to canoes, kayaks, inflatable rafts and vessels less than 16' in length registered in another state temporarily using Virginia waters. No person may operate a recreational vessel unless each child is either wearing an appropriate life jacket approved by the Coast Guard or below deck or in an enclosed cabin. All Virginia state boating rules and regulations will be strictly observed and enforced while fishing on FAPH waters.

b. Alcohol consumption and operating a watercraft is prohibited. All anglers are responsible for keeping areas clean. Trash and residue remaining from food and food containers will be disposed of in proper receptacles. Littering is a violation of state and FAPH laws/regulations.

10. REFERENCES.

- a. AP 215-1, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Non appropriated Funds Instrumentalities. 31 July 2007
- b. AR 350-19, The Army Sustainable Range Program, 30 August 2005.
- c. Virginia Boating Guide, 2010.
- d. Virginia Freshwater and Saltwater Fishing Regulations, 2010

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